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### Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) Amendment 3

#### PROGRAM/ACTIVITY DATA

**Country Code and SO:** 306-007  
**Strategic Objective Name:** A Better Educated and Healthier Population  
**Program objectives:** Economic Growth  
**Country or Region:** Afghanistan/OAPA  
**Activity Name:** Construction of Health and Education Facilities (CHEF)  
**Funding Begin:** 1/ 2008 **Funding End:** December 31, 2015 **LOP Amount:** US\$ 57.95 M  
**IEE Amendment Prepared by:** Rahmatullah Oryakhel **Date:** December 4, 2013  
**IEE Amendment (Y/N):** Y  
**Original IEE:** ANE-09-01 Afghanistan IEE-ETD, approved October 21, 2008.  
**Prior Amendments:** Amendment 1: ANE-Afghanistan IEE-ETD, approved January 12, 2012 [OAPA-12-JAN-AFG-0015]  
 Amendment 2: ANE-Afghanistan IEE-ETD, approved May 17, 2012 [OAPA-12-JUL-AFG-0055]

#### ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION RECOMMENDED

Categorical Exclusion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deferral	<input type="checkbox"/>
Positive Determination	<input type="checkbox"/>	Negative Determination	<input type="checkbox"/>
Negative Determination With Conditions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exemption	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### 1.0 PURPOSE

- A. The first purpose of this Amendment 3, is to extend the completion date of the Construction of health and education facilities (CHEF) Program, by twenty four (24) months from December 31, 2013 to December 31, 2015. Construction work is expected to be completed by December 2014. The one-year warranty period will follow.
- B. The second purpose of this amendment is to increase the project total cost by \$1M, from \$57M to \$58M.

This extension of the performance period and the increase in cost are primarily the result of the contracting and security challenges completing the remaining construction work at the 100-bed Hospital in Gardez and the 20-bed Hospital in Khair Kote. Early this year the implementing

partner's, IOM<sup>1</sup>'s, subcontractor was working on the 20-bed and had completed 97% of the construction. In July that contractor was determined to be ineligible to continue work through the vetting process. IOM has had difficulty finding a contractor to complete the work in this highly insecure area. In addition, IOM has had problems with the its subcontractor working on the 100-bed hospital and had to terminate that contractor and hire another contractor. The 100-bed hospital is approximately 80% complete. These contracting and the security issues in the project areas resulted in delays and are expected to lead to increased costs.

The nature of the project work remains the same and all conditions, limitations and the stipulation for revisions established in the original program IEE and its amendments remain in force throughout the extended life of project (LOP). All conditions and measures of mitigation remain in place. USAID shall ensure compliance with applicable Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan environmental, health, safety, etc. legislation and standards, obligations under ratified international environmental conventions and agreements as well as USAID environmental procedures as stipulated in the original approved IEE and its amendments. All relevant conditions will be implemented by USAID's contractor(s).

## **2.0 REVISIONS**

Pursuant to 22 CFR 216.3(a)(9), if new information becomes available which indicates that activities to be funded by the Program might be "major" and the Program's effect "significant," or if additional activities are proposed that might be considered "major" and their effects significant, this IEE will be reviewed and revised by the originator of the project and submitted to the Bureau Environmental Officer (BEO) for approval and, if appropriate, an environmental assessment will be prepared. It is the responsibility of the USAID/Afghanistan Agreement Officer's Representative (AOR) to keep the Mission Environmental Officer and the BEO informed of any new information or changes in the activity that might require revision of the IEE.

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<sup>1</sup> International Organization for Migration

## APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDED ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIONS

Construction of Health and Education Facilities (CHEF), IEE Amendment 3

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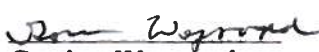
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